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EDITORIALS

GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Many factors go into the making of a good citizen. We can't list all of them. But one of them is participating unselfishly in leading civic organizations. Some may belong to community groups out of love of recognition. Some get tonic for the ego out of being appointed on a committee. But there are always many, fortunately, who serve out of sheer and wholesome interest in the progress and welfare of their community. The striving toward a common goal of community betterment is a fine thing. We need genuine appreciation for the good citizens who give of their time and talents to carry on the activities of worthwhile civic organizations.

YOUR DIME MARCHES ON

Throughout Virginia this month, posters will remind us that it's time to give to "The March of Dimes." This year a new note of urgency, sounded by Marine General A. A. Vandergrift as State Chairman, asks your attention; Virginia chapters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, carrying out their pledge to provide medical treatment for polio victims, are scraping the bottom of their barrels. This year's outbreak of infantile paralysis in the Old Dominion will wipe out reserves of many chapters. Others have had to call on the National Foundation's epidemic aid pool for large grants.

It costs real money to care for a youngster struck down by infantile paralysis. Hospitalization often extends over months or years. The bill for "iron lung" victims averages $25 a day. Any person who looks over a list of hospital bills paid by the "March of Dimes" for individual patients . . bills such as $1,000 for less than a year's treatment . . thinks first of a sobering question: How could I pay this bill, if this were my child?

Infantile paralysis, mercifully, is not our most prevalent communicable disease, but it is a crippler, which strikes at children in every walk of life . . rich and poor, white and Negro. Nearly 600 victims were reported in Virginia in 1948. With the exception of the 1944 epidemic year, it was the State's worst year since 1935. Hundreds of these children remain in hospitals, and we must not let them down. Dig a little deeper this year, and let your dimes march on.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

MAKE UP YOUR MIND

Washington (Iowa) Evening Journal

You have heard the old story of the farm hand who couldn't sort potatoes because he couldn't make decisions. But his like is legion. Any waitress will tell you that many customers have a terrible time deciding what to order. They can't make up their minds whether they want breaded veal chops or the chicken on tea biscuits. So they ponder, and the waitress waits.

One writer says that making up your mind is a habit . . You can be decisive or you can dilly-dally and wishy-wash. But you can't make friends and influence people by wishy-washing. That's what the writer says, anyhow. And this further suggestion is made:

Train yourself by playing checkers with a stopwatch. Give yourself no more than 70 seconds to choose a move, then stick to your decision, be it right or wrong.

HOW TO SAVE LIVES

From Winchester Star

Experts at times go to considerable pains setting up and starting a research project—and thereupon discover what any thinking person could have determined in advance. Some of them, working on a problem under the sponsorship of New York University, did that not long ago and the Connecticutt Motor Vehicles Department has published their report.

But the results are worth having. There are cases where it is necessary to prove the obvious because some people do not want to accept it. This is one of them.

The experts took a list of 93 automobile drivers who had never had an accident and gave each one of them a test lasting an hour and a half. They also tested 9v drivers who had had repeated accidents. And one thing they learned is that there is a close c rrelation between driving within the law and safety.

The repeaters had a combined total of 325 accidents and 338 violations. The drivers who had no accidents had no violations either.

There are other conclusions. Repeaters preferred higher speeds, had a 'high opinion' of their liquor-holding capicity, and were wont to blame their troubles on bad luck. But the point that stands out is that 'the best indication that a driver will have accidents is his record of repeated violations.'

Getting the drivers who defy the law out from behind the wheel will, it is clear, save lives and property. The report says that further tests are needed to help officials in deciding when repeaters should be ruled off the road. But it is hoped they will not be too long delayed.

THE BIG PARADE

New York Times

Next Thursday's inaugural ceremonies are being planned in an atmosphere of good cheer which rain, snow or wintry breezes are not likely to destroy. They will not remind us, except by contrast, of that day exactly four years ago when a man about to die stood bareheaded in a bitter wind, taking the oath for the fourth time. In Europe then the snowy fields were strewn with the unburied American dead of the Battle of the Bulge. In the Pacific the savage struggle among the islands went on, with no visible end to its unspeakable horrors. Many lives, Franklin D. Roosevelt's among them, had still to be laid down before there could be "total victory in war" and "a just and durable peace."

We must go back down the weary years, past 1941, past 1937, past 1933, before we come to an Inauguration Day on which a newly elected American President could speak with confident hope. On March 4, 1929, Herbert Hoover could truthfully say that "we have reached a higher degree of comfort and security than ever existed in the history of the world." Out of this comfort and security we could take a detached view of other nation's troubles. We could accept "the profound truth that our own progress, prosperity and peace are interlocked with the progress, prosperity and peace of all humanity," and at the same time we could again resolve to "make no political engagements, such as the League of Nations, which may commit us in advance as a nation to become involved in the settlements of controversies of other countries." We felt far away, and safe.

When Mr. Roosevelt became President in 1933 he knew that we were not alone in the trouble that had then overtaken us. He was prepared, he said, "to recommend the measures that a stricken nation in the midst of a stricken world may require." Still, he gave little attention to other stricken nations. We had a spiritual epidemic in our midst. We were scared. When Mr. Roosevelt assured us that "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself" he was admitting that a catastrope had overtaken the once-bouyant American soul.

Four years later some progress had been achieved. Yet it was in his address of Jan. 20, 1937, that Mr. Roosevelt made his famous reference to "one-third of a nation ill-housed, ill-clad, ill-nourished." The dictatorships were entrenching themselves across the seas, but they were not in this speech referred to as the enemy. The enemy was domestic poverty—our inability, as the President saw it, to make full use of our own resources and our own creative energies.

Then destiny reset the stage. By 1939 Mr. Roosevelt was telling Congress that "dangers within are less to be feared than dangers from without." He tried to meet those dangers. The un-neutral embargo provisions of the Neutrality Act were repealed in 1939; the Selective Service Act passed in 1940; the destroyed deal with Britain made in the same year; the Inaugural Address of Jan. 20., 1941, was followed by passage of the Lend-Lease Act; the Atlantic Charter was signed in August, 1941; our patrols were pushed into the Atlantic. And the war came.

Four years ago today President Roosevelt was looking ahead toward peace as a man groping through a dark labyrinth sees a glimmer of light ahead. The remaining months of the war were to be shorter than he could have hoped, the difficulties in assuring "a better life for ourselves and for all our fellow men" much greater. But when so many men were dying and about to die a stern simplicity subdued Inauguration Day.

Now the mood has changed again. If enormous difficulties still confront us, we face them more cheerfully because we have arrived at this point by a hard road and achieved some successes, however costly, on the way. We have humanized our economic system, we have won a terrible war, we have sustained our peacetime production and have enough left over to help our friends, and we have some reason to believe that the dangers which threaten us are diminishing.

We cannot get back to what now seem the ingenuous and simple days of 1929, but the old spirit is not dead in us. Why not parade our hopes, with the bands playing and the colors flying? If a good time is had by all next Thursday, we can go forward the more courageously on Friday and the days that follow.

FOUR YEARS AGO:

(From Our Files)

Cobbs Dairy Company opens milk receiving station in Appomattox. On the opening day, 1,397 gallons of milk were received.

The Junior Canteen was organized at Appomattox High School, on Friday, January 13, 1945.

Scrap paper drive held held here by the Boy Scouts.

A group of Appomattox County Blood Donars went to Charlottesville to give blood for the wartime Red Cross.

UNHAPPY RETURN

(Wall Street Journal)

Today is Junior's eighteenth birthday;
A solemn, oh-so-far-from-mirthday;
We recognize with wails and ruction
No more is he a tax reduction!

Mediator says Lebanon is ready for Palestine settlement.

Greek parties asked to form new coalition at once.

Colder wave moves into South and East.

New retreats made by Chinese Nationalists.

University of North Carolina to play Notre Dame in football next fall at Yankee Stadium.

Uncle Sam Says

Here's one big, safe resolution for 1949: "Resolved, I will take advantage of the opportunity presented by my government to buy U. S. Savings Bonds regularly: the finest, safest and most convenient investment in the world." If you stop to think of it there's no better time than right now to start building a comfortable cushion for later years. Upon maturity, U. S. Savings Bonds will return to you four dollars for every three dollars you put into them. They can be bought regularly under two convenient purchasing plans, the Payroll Savings Plan where you are employed or the Bond-a-Month Plan at your bank.

U.S. Treasury Department

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

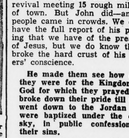
By DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2. Luke 2:1-23a; 3:23-38.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Luke 1:39-47, 76-80.

No Greater Prophet

Lerson for January 23, 1949

"OF ALL the characters in history, which one do you admire most?" We know how Jesus answered that interested question. He had a great array of personages from whom to make his selection. But he took as the Great Man of all time, up to his own generation, no heroic figure from the past, no king, general, scholar or prophet. The greatest man, for Jesus —or at least one as great that he could think of none greater—was one of his own contemporaries, a cousin of his who was in jail at the time when Jesus said of him, "Among those born of women none is greater than John." Known to us as John the Baptist, that is, John the Baptizer, we seldom realize either his greatness or the close connection between his life and that of Jesus.


Dr. Foreman

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John of the Jordan

WE DO not know how much Jesus himself owed to John. We do know that John was the man who first called the public's attention to Jesus. John it was who gave some of Jesus' most important disciples their first training; John who introduced to Jesus, and turned over to him, some of his own followers. It may be significant too that Jesus' first preaching was identical with that of John (compare Matthew 3:2 and 4:17).

Some Christian scholars have gone so far as to suppose that it was John's preaching that stirred the young carpenter from Nazareth to leave his shop and begin his great work as teacher.

Whether this is so or not, we do know that it was the baptizing by John which led to the baptism of Jesus, and that Jesus' baptism was the turning-point between Jesus' private life and his short and stormy public career. It is quite clear that if there had been no John the Baptizer, the story of Jesus would have been very different from what it actually was.

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Only a Voice

JOHN'S own picture of himself is not a picture at all. When they asked him to say what he was, and half-expected him to declare that he was the Messiah, the long-looked for King, John said only, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness."

John, so far as we know, never accepted dinner invitations, he was never under the roof of any friend, and he had no roof of his own. People even called him demon-possessed, he was so far removed from ordinary life.

But Jesus was always in people's homes. That is one reason why the greatness of John fades before the greatness of Jesus, for a Voice makes a poor companion. Jesus had the human sympathy that John lacked, and John well knew this. "He must increase, but I must decrease," he said.

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Repentance: Seed and Fruit

NEVERTHELESS the Voice spoke truth. John must have been a powerful preacher, for his meetings were held miles from the nearest town, so that to reach him from Jerusalem one would have to travel through wild country infested with bandits. Few modern preachers, without benefit of advertising, music or choir, without even a tent, would dare to start a revival meeting 15 rough miles out of town. But John did—and the people came in crowds. We do not have the full report of his preaching that we have of the preaching of Jesus, but we do know that he broke the hard crust of his listeners' conscience.

He made them see how unfit they were for the Kingdom of God for which they prayed; he broke down their pride till they went down to the Jordan and were baptized under the open sky, in public confession of their sins.

When men asked him, What shall we do? John did not have the fuller, higher message that Jesus later had. But he did make plain two things about the good life, the life that pleases God: it cannot even begin without repentance and confession of sin, but it does not end there. Repentance is not a simple granite milestone on life's way: it is a seed which if it is real will bear fruit.

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SAFE STORAGE

Farmers who order fertilizer now and accept delivery are cautioned to take precautions to keep it in good condition until time for use.

These practices are suggested by specialists at V. P. I.:

Store sacks only in a barn or in some other dry building that has flooring off the ground.

If earth or cement floors must be used, stack bags on a crib of blocks and boards.

Stack bags close together to reduce air circulation from which the fertilizer might absorb moistupe.

Do not pile bags more than seven or eight high. Otherwise bags on the bottom may have a tendency to cake.

Keep broken bags separate from the main pile, as loose fertilizer absorbs moisture.

16,000 American troops in Germany holding winter maneuvers.

Bomb damages home of Cuban official.

Virginia ranks 14th in the nation in corn yield per acre.

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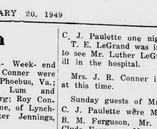

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Evergreen

Evergreen, Jan. 18.- Week- end guests of Mrs. J. R. Conner were Miss Madian Lee, of Phoebus, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lum and daughter, of Petersburg; Roy Conner and daughter, Anne, of Lynchburg, and Mrs. Walker Jennings, of Cub Creek.

The Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Carter were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulette one night recently.

T. E. LeGrand was in Lynchburg to see Mr. Luther LeGrand, who is ill in the hospital.

Mrs. J. R. Conner is improving at this time.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulette were Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ferguson, Mrs. Conner Ferguson and son, Dale, all of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Farrar, of Roanoke are spending a few days at their home here.

Mrs. Sam Anderson, of Appomattox spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Emma Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Staples re in Lynchburg today.

O. C. Paulette and J. R. Hamilton are on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Jennings spent Saturday in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Paulette and family, of Lynchburg were supper guests Wednesday night of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Paulette.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Harvey and son, Edward and Mrs. Lillie Jennings spent several days last week on the Eastern Shore.

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Richwood

Richwood, Jan. 18.- Services at Wesley Chapel at 3 P. M. Sunday. All invited.

H. H. Harvey was in Lynchburg on business last Wednesday.

Mr. J. I. Brown is in Washington for an indefinite stay, temporarily taking the position left vacant by the death of a friend of his. He hopes to return here by the first of March.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh were in Lynchburg last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Martin called Mrs. H. H. Harvey on Sunday morning; Mrs. Harvey has been slightly under the weather. Later they journeyed to Carter's parents, where they had Sunday dinner.

Little Miss Virginia Rush, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Rush, is recovering from a case of measles.

The Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Carter were dinner guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Blackwell, Sr., were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fleshman Sunday.

A. B. Hunter, Jr., and Mrs. A. B. Hunter, Sr., were in Lynchburg on business Monday.

Thomas Guill was in Lynchburg on business Monday.

It is often said that man does not stand still in his mental philosophy. He either goes forward or backward. This proves true, also, in a material way. We are glad to see this theory working out in the Richwood area. Esmond Pugh recently blossomed out with a truck for general hauling and now Henry Allen Garrett has purchased a two-toner for the same purpose.

It would be appreciated if anyone having news items which they wish to be entered in this column would have them in the hands of your local reporter not later than early Tuesday mornings.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Lucado and children, of Keysville spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Harvey.

Dr. Natalie Lum, of the Medical Hospital, of Richmond, was a Sunday guest of Mrs. J. R. Conner.

Evergreen, Jan. 18.- Howard Glover, who has been very ill, is better at this writing. Those who called to see him during the week-end were: Mrs. Mary Sullivan and Walter Ore, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Dickerson, of Charlotte C. H.; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover, A. B. Ferguson, Misses Carrie and Elidabeth Hodge, Ryland Staples and Lawrence Hodge.

Mrs. J. C. Staples spent a few days last week in Lynchburg with her daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam White. Little Karry White remained home with her to spend a week.

Mrs. Sam Jennings is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. S. Farrar, of Petersburg, Va.

Miss Anna Harris, of Oakville spent Wednesday night with Miss Eulalia and Miss Elnora Glover.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cralle and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hodge.

Miss Blannie Evans is ill at this writing.

J. R. Hamilton is improving after a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Glover, from Crewe spent Sunday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover.

Mrs. H. B. Stanley and Mrs. James E. Cheatham spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham.

Mrs. Wilson Almond and family, of Appomattox were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stewart. Mrs. Stewart is some better at this writing.

Mrs. Jimmie Evans continues ill.

Mr. and Mrs. David Childress attended the funeral of her aunt at Cullen Monday.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, Jan. 18.- Mrs. George Collins and Miss Sue David, son were recent guests of Mrs. C. R. Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martin spent the week-end in Lynchburg, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cyrus.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carson and Mrs. Jennings Conner visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carson Sunday afternoon.

William Martin, of Petersburg, visited his home people here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Zastrow spent Thursday with her brother, W. Pat Coleman, who is a patient in a Richmond hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. William Goodman were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Carson Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cyrus are visiting their son and daughter-in law in Albany, Ga.

Claude Jennings and daughters, Alice and Claudine; Floyd Coleman and son, Floyd, Jr. are on the sick list this week.

Planting of late winter oats and to home-grown feed supply.

Prices received by farmers now heading downward.

Japs prepare for election to fill parliamentary body.

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